Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Christopher M. Randall has served the state of South Dakota and the Department of Transportation as the director of the Division of Railroads; and,

WHEREAS, Chris brought and contributed to South Dakota his knowledge and expertise of the financial world, as well as his valuable background and experience of governmental operations in Washington, D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, Chris, since his arrival in October 1983, has given dedicated service to the state of South Dakota's effort to retain and restore essential rail lines; and,

WHEREAS, Chris played an important role in South Dakota's major railroad developments, including the South Dakota Railplan, the purchase and lease agreements with the Milwaukee Road and Burlington Northern Railroads and the development of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, not to mention the Regional Rail Authorities now successfully operating in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Chris was instrumental in obtaining federal and state funds for the rehabilitation for South Dakota's mainline and core system, the Sioux Valley Line, the Canton to East Wye Switch and the Huron to Yale short lines; and,

WHEREAS, Chris has been an advocate and promoter of Federal Transportation Policy which distributes fair and equitable funding to all states, and because he has worked tirelessly toward this effort through AASHTO, National Conference of State Railway Officials, Highway Users Federation, USDOT, Congressional Committees and the Broad Basket Coalition; and,

WHEREAS, Chris, as director of Railroads, has consistently exhibited a thorough and tenacious application of his duties and responsibilities on behalf of both the South Dakota Railroad Authority and the South Dakota Railroad Board; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this outstanding public servant:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby recognize and express sincere appreciation and commendation to

CHRISTOPHER M. RANDALL

and I join with Chris' friends and co-workers to wish him a fulfilling and continuing successful career.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE